

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

10:30 a.m.

307 House Office Building

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Robertson, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Virgil Smith, Clack, Vagnozzi and Polidori.

Representative Meyer moved to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2006 meeting.

Representative Vander Veen supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5760 before the committee.

HB 5760 Palsrok Retirement; public school employees; date reference; revise.

Representative Vander Veen moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 5760.

Representative Vagnozzi supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 17-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Meyer, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Robertson, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Virgil Smith, Clack, Vagnozzi and Polidori,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Palsrok testified in support of HB 5760.

Don Wotruba, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards, testified in support of HB 5760.

Chris DeRose, representing the Office of Retirement, testified and stated a neutral position to HB 5760.

The following people submitted cards in support of HB 5760, but did not wish to speak:

Matt Tomasiewicz, representing the Intermediate School Districts of Ottawa, Kalamazoo and Muskegon,
Brad Biladeau, representing the Michigan Association of School Administrators,
Dave Ladd, representing the Northern Michigan School Legislative Association,
Robert Lefevre, representing the Macomb Intermediate School District,
Joyce Phelps, representing the Michigan Education Association,
Stephanie Johnson-Wuttke, representing the International Union of Operating Engineers,
Bob Morris, representing the Michigan Department of Education.

Representative Meyer moved to report out HB 5760 as substitute (H-1) with recommendation.

Representative Vander Veen supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 16-0-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Meyer, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Robertson, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Clack, Vagnozzi and Polidori,

Nays: None,

Pass: Representative Virgil Smith.

HB 5760 (H-1) reported out with recommendation.

The Chair laid HB 4375 before the committee.

HB 4375 Ward	Education; curricula; instruction programs regarding warning signs and risk factors of suicide and depression; encourage schools to provide.
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Frank Raha, representing Representative Ward's office, testified in support of HB 4375.

Jeff and Laura Edwards, representing themselves, testified in support of HB 4375.

Diana Conkin, representing L'Anse Creuse Public Schools, testified in support of HB 4375.*

Dr. Cheryl King and Eric Hipple, representing the University of Michigan's Depression Center, testified in support of HB 4375.

Jim Tuman, representing the Positive School Support Program, testified in support of HB 4375.

The following people submitted cards in support of HB 4375, but did not wish to speak:

Cami Pendell, representing Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan,*
Dave Ladd, representing the Michigan School Counselors Association,
Ellen Hoekstra, representing the Michigan Association of School Psychologists and the

Michigan Association of School Social Workers,
Noah Smith, representing the Association of Michigan School Counselors,
Bob Morris, representing the Michigan Department of Education.

Representative Vagnozzi moved to report out HB 4375 with recommendation.

Representative Meyer supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 17-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke,
Ball, Hildenbrand, Proos, Robertson, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Virgil Smith, Clack, Vagnozzi
and Polidori,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

HB 4375 reported out with recommendation.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the
time being 12:20 p.m.

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair

Ben Cook
Committee Clerk
March 22, 2006
1 hour 50 minutes

Date Approved and Signed

* indicates printed materials attached to original minutes.